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Please find below and/or attached an Office communication concerning this application or proceeding.

Office Action Summary	Application No. 10/826,688	Applicant(s) BLEIER ET AL.	
	Examiner Ricky D. Shafer	Art Unit 2872	

-- The MAILING DATE of this communication appears on the cover sheet with the correspondence address --

Period for Reply

A SHORTENED STATUTORY PERIOD FOR REPLY IS SET TO EXPIRE 3 MONTH(S) OR THIRTY (30) DAYS, WHICHEVER IS LONGER, FROM THE MAILING DATE OF THIS COMMUNICATION.

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- If NO period for reply is specified above, the maximum statutory period will apply and will expire SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 08 September 2005.
- 2a) ☒ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☐ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-19 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) 15-19 is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1,4,5,10 and 11 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☒ Claim(s) 2,3,6-9 and 12-14 is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).
- * See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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| 1) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892) | 4) <input type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413) |
| 2) <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) | Paper No(s)/Mail Date. _____ |
| 3) <input type="checkbox"/> Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08) | 5) <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152) |
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DETAILED ACTION

1. Claims 15-19 are withdrawn from further consideration pursuant to 37 CFR 1.142(b) as being drawn to a nonelected invention and species, there being no allowable generic or linking claim. Election was made **without** traverse in the reply filed on 09/08/2005.

2. Applicant's arguments filed 3/21/2005 have been fully considered but they are not persuasive.

Applicant argues that the reference to Taggert ('501) does not teach or fairly suggest "at least one mounting pin is attached within said opening to said at least one mounting block and is attached to at least one of said first or second mounting surfaces of said first or second mirror panels".

The examiner is of the opinion that mounting pin (the projection) of mounting block (28) which extends into an opening of mounting block (30) of Taggert "connects and joins" the mounting blocks together, wherein the mounting block (28) having the mounting pin (the projection) is attached to at least one of the first or second mounting surfaces (22) of first or second mirror panels (20), via the screws, fasteners...etc., as shown in Fig. 2, wherein the inner circumference of the opening of mounting block (30) "holds" the outer circumference of the mounting pin (the projection) in such a manner that the mounting blocks are capable of being "fasten" together. Thus, the mounting pin (the projection) is considered to be "attached" within the opening.

3. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

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(b) the invention was patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country or in public use or on sale in this country, more than one year prior to the date of application for patent in the United States.

4. Claims 1, 4, 5, 10 and 11 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Taggert ('501).

Taggert discloses a roof mirror assembly comprising first and second mirror panels (20) comprising first and second reflective surfaces (32) and first and second mounting surfaces (22), respectively, wherein said first and second mirror panels are joined together so that said first and second reflective surfaces are substantially perpendicular to each other (see figures 1 and 2); at least one mounting block (28,30) having at least one opening extending through a portion thereof; and at least one mounting pin (that element attach to element (28), shown in Fig. 6) received within said at least one opening of said at least one mounting block, wherein said at least one mounting pin is attached within said opening to said at least one mounting block and is attached to at least one of said first or second mounting surfaces of said first or second mirror panels, wherein the first and second edges (16) of said mirror panels are joined together to create a miter joint of 45 degrees. Note figures 1 to 6 along with the associated description thereof.

5. Claims 2, 3, 6-9 and 12-14 are objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

6. **THIS ACTION IS MADE FINAL.** Applicant is reminded of the extension of time policy as set forth in 37 CFR 1.136(a).

A shortened statutory period for reply to this final action is set to expire THREE MONTHS from the mailing date of this action. In the event a first reply is filed within TWO MONTHS of the mailing date of this final action and the advisory action is not mailed until after

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the end of the THREE-MONTH shortened statutory period, then the shortened statutory period will expire on the date the advisory action is mailed, and any extension fee pursuant to 37 CFR 1.136(a) will be calculated from the mailing date of the advisory action. In no event, however, will the statutory period for reply expire later than SIX MONTHS from the mailing date of this final action.

7. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Ricky D. Shafer whose telephone number is (571) 272-2320. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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November 27, 2005


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